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In the application of : Andrew G Bevan  
Serial No. : 09/385,938  
Filed : August 30, 1999  
For : Synchronisation Modelling Using Templates and Network  
Management System  
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